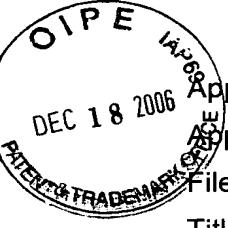


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Applicant : Shuhei KITANO
Filed : April 21, 2004
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Art Unit : 1742
Examiner : Deborah Yee
Customer No. : 28289

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding final Office Action dated June 13, 2006. Applicants filed an Amendment After Final Rejection on November 9, 2006, with a two-month extension of time fee of \$450. An Advisory Action issued December 1, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently with this three-month extension of time on December 13, 2006. The three-month extension of time fee of \$1,020 is reduced by \$450, namely, to \$570. Therefore, the three-month extension of time fee of \$570 is now due.

A check in the amount of \$1360 is enclosed to cover the RCE filing fee of \$790 and extension fee of \$570.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. This Petition is submitted in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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